

HOUSE BILL 823

By Kernell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-17-110, relative to licensure requirements for audiologists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-17-110, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections (c) and (d):

(c) A person who applies for licensure as an audiologist on or after January 1, 2008, must possess a doctoral degree from an accredited educational program approved by the board. The doctoral degree may be a doctor of audiology degree (Au.D.) or other doctoral degree approved by the board. In addition to possessing a doctoral degree, the applicant must meet the other requirements of subsection (b), except that the doctoral degree shall be in lieu of the master's degree previously required of applicants.

(d) The requirement to have a doctoral degree shall not apply to audiologists who were licensed in this or any other state prior to January 1, 2008.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.